

FOUR MONETT PRISONERS PAROLED

Men Sentenced December 5 to Four Years For Burglary and Larceny Freed. Paroled to John Walsh.

Acting Governor Hiram Lloyd granted paroles to six inmates of the Missouri state penitentiary Friday, December 15. Of the number four are from Monett, D. M. Fisher, Claud Epps, Alfred P. Ferry and Charles A. Newlon. They are paroled to John Walsh of this place.

These men were arrested by Frisco special officers on charge of stealing merchandise in transit from Frisco freight cars. They all made signed confessions and were sentenced to four years each in the penitentiary. Other men arrested on the same charge at that time fought the case and were not convicted. The Frisco railroad company asked for the parole of the four men and Mr. Walsh consented to allow the men to be paroled to him. The paroles are effective December 19, giving the men time to come home for the Christmas holidays.

Others paroled at the same time were H. R. Holderfield, 23, sentenced to five years for second degree forgery from Perry county, and George Patterson, of Adair county, sentenced August 23, 1919 to eighteen years for a statutory offense.

MAINTENANCE MEN'S APPEAL NOT ALLOWED

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The United States railroad labor board, in a decision issued today, upheld its former stand in denying maintenance of way men their request for time and one half after eight hours work and on Sundays and holidays.

By the board's decision the present ruling of a prorata rate for the ninth and tenth hours and time and one half after that hour is upheld. A request for a ruling on contract work, the decision stated had been answered by previous decisions. These declared such contracting an attempt to avoid the provisions of the transportation act.

Rulings favorable to the employees were contained in the decision in that employees' time must start and end at designated assembling points and supervisory forces shall be compensated on the same overtime basis as the men supervised when the general force is required to work in excess of eight hours.

Mrs. B. F. Myers and sister, Mrs. Dishroon, accompanied their father A. Brown, to his home at West Plains Friday night.

John Ellston, cashier of the Exeter Bank and W. D. Cowherd, of Purdy, went through Monett Friday night, on their way home from Joplin, where they attended the State Horticultural meeting.

Mrs. F. E. Engleman and little daughter, Virginia Lee, of Nevada, are expected tomorrow to spend the holidays with Mrs. Engleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lane. Mr. Engleman will be here later.

Miss Amber Stow went to Joplin Saturday morning to visit over Sunday with her sisters Mrs. Hazeltine Minchall and Miss Irene Stow.

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ALOHA CHAPTER QUILTING PARTY

Thursday, December 14th will long be remembered by the members of Aloha Chapter No. 240 Order Eastern Star as one of the brightest, happiest days in the history of the chapter. At an early hour the members began to gather at the beautiful spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. George Feist, No. 709 Fourth street, to quilt our beautiful Star quilt. They came from all directions with baskets filled with the best eats the market afforded, each one trying to surprise the other with their wonderfully prepared Christmas dainties. And Oh! how we did eat. Only those present will ever know or imagine how the table did groan before we gathered around the festive board and with what a sigh of relief it gave as we proceeded to devour those dainties. No Christmas dinner can ever taste one half as good.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Feist, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hobbs, Mrs. C. A. Carr, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Mrs. Florence Johnson, Mrs. J. S. Shirle, Mrs. Chas. H. Ring, Mrs. Frances M. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spratley, Mrs. Lena Hobbs-Perry, Mrs. Mooney.

The pleasant day will live long in the memory of the jolly bunch of quilters and while we worked fast and furious we often spoke with regret that a quilt was not large enough to have every member of our happy family present.

A. Member.

FIVE HUNDRED PARTY

Mrs. J. P. Martin, No. 900 Central avenue, was hostess at a Five Hundred party at her home Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Solomon, who departed in the evening for Oklahoma City where she will reside. The party was among the attractive social events of the week. The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas emblems, expressed with Christmas bells and cut flowers. Mrs. R. A. Monroe was awarded the first prize and Mrs. Sig Solomon received second. At the close of the afternoon Mrs. Martin served a delicious two course luncheon carrying out the Christmas color scheme. Christmas baskets filled with assorted mints were given as favors.

The guests were Mrs. W. J. Fleming, Mrs. John P. Davis, Mrs. Sig Solomon, Mrs. J. H. Smedley, Mrs. J. B. Coy, Mrs. J. W. Patterson, Mrs. Norman G. Hudson, Mrs. E. F. Saxe, Mrs. Charles Mansfield, Mrs. W. D. Steele, Mrs. Ed Salzer, Mrs. L. D. McKee, Mrs. J. P. Woods, Mrs. W. H. Gimson, Mrs. Thos. Markwell, Mrs. Ed Ryan, Mrs. John McGrath, Mrs. John Walsh, Mrs. W. F. Landrum, Mrs. Fred Salzer, Mrs. R. A. Monroe, Mrs. O. H. Hudson, Mrs. Arthur Erwin, Mrs. Harry E. Davies, Mrs. Louis F. Tucker, Miss Anna Martin and the guest of honor.

WOODMAN CIRCLE ELECTS OFFICERS

Woodman Circle met in regular session Saturday night and elected officers for the following year. Most of the officers of last year were re-elected. The officers are as follows: guardian, Mrs. Ida M. Baity; clerk, Mrs. Laura Tritton; banker, Mrs. W. H. Floreth; chaplain, Mrs. Whitney; inner sentinel, Mrs. Chas. Suttles; outer sentinel, Mrs. W. T. Allen; manager for three years, J. W. Ruggles; manager for two years, Mrs. E. O. Gillette.

The next meeting will be held the first Saturday night in January.

Mrs. J. R. Heimbaugh and children were Joplin visitors Saturday.

H. A. Gardner, E. W. Wallen and Miss Bernice Wallen went to Marionville to attend the Doggett sale of Jerseys.

Frank Hemmerling, who recently came home from St. John's Hospital at Springfield, is improving rapidly. He was operated upon for appendicitis.

WORK OF LAWRENCE COUNTY AGENT

Following is a brief summary of some of the most outstanding results of county agent work in Lawrence county during the past year.

1. Increased the use of ground limestone at least 1000 per cent in the last two years. This was done in an effort to increase the fertility of the soil by making possible the growing of more and better legumes.
2. Assisted in the campaign to reduce the amount of low grade fertilizer used in the county which resulted in at least a 50 per cent decrease. In 1921 Lawrence county farmers lost \$5,000.00 by the buying of low grade material.
3. Increased the acreage of soybeans over 300 per cent.
4. Tested over 200 samples of soil for acidity.
5. Organized a Cow Testing Association.
6. Started the dairy agitation which finally resulted in the formation of a cheese factory and creamery at Mt. Vernon.
7. Arranged for the growing of certified wheat, certified soybeans, certified corn, and certified kafir, to supply the county with pure seed next year.
8. Assisted in the organization of the county tubercular campaign which resulted in the entire county being covered with 12,627 cattle tested.
9. Inaugurated a small fruit campaign with the assistance of other local organizations which has resulted in orders being placed for enough grape roots for over 200 acres and the campaign has just started.
10. Assisted in the organization of two livestock shipping associations.
11. Assisted in the organization of a Jersey Breeders Association and two fruit associations.
12. 16 Demonstration poultry flocks were established in an effort to show what could be done in the poultry business and to provide places for the obtaining of certified breeding stock. The most successful demonstration flock with a little under 300 hens brought the owner a gross income of over \$2200.00 the last year.
13. Held 44 poultry meetings to demonstrate the culling of chickens. Over 7300 birds were handled at these meetings and 2500 culled out as non-profitable.
14. Conducted a survey of the orchards in one part of the county and found the San Jose scale so serious that an oil spraying campaign was started which should result in the saving of many orchards now infested.
15. Assisted in the organization of five Boys and Girls Pig Clubs with 62 members.
16. Assisted over 200 dairy farmers in balancing their rations and a larger number of poultry raisers in changing their rations.
17. In an effort to find a more profitable crop than oats and a legume that would grow on sour soil soybean demonstration fields were started in every township of the county. To discover the varieties best adapted to this section tests were made of the most popular varieties and it was found on 90 per cent of the fields that the Virginia was the best bean for hay and medium Yellow the most desirable for hogging down.
18. Established test fields of kafir to determine its yield and value in comparison to corn. On the poorer upland soils this year kafir far out yields corn on the same field. In the variety tests Sunrise kafir was found to be the best adapted to this section.
19. Assisted in the organization of six Hot Lunch and Garment Making Clubs in the rural schools.
20. Assisted in the organization of six Womens Clubs in an effort to better home life on the farm.
21. Established demonstration fields of alfalfa, sweet clover, corn and soybeans, and kafir and soybeans, to show the advisability of their more general use in this section.
22. Established demonstration fields of lime on legumes, fertilizers on wheat, strawberries, and tomatoes to get definite figures as to their value on local soils.
23. With the help of Specialists from the Agricultural Extension Service, four clothing schools were held, two dress form demonstrations, nine fruit preservation demonstrations, nine nutrition meetings, and five household equipment demonstrations, reaching in all 33 communities in the county.
24. Directly assisted 13 farmers to obtain registered bulls, 40 to obtain registered cows, and 80 to obtain registered hogs.
25. Held seven pruning meetings to demonstrate the proper pruning of apples and grapes.
26. Wrote 240 agricultural articles which were published in local papers.
27. Visited 460 farms in promoting the work.
28. Wrote 2129 letters in giving out information.
29. Received 5015 calls at the office for information on farm work.
30. Held 104 field demonstrations

PUPILS OF MARCUS PETERSON GIVE RECITAL

A delightful recital was given by the pupils of Prof. Marcus Peterson of Aurora in the parlors of the Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday evening, which was one of the outstanding events of the week. Invited guests included members of the Monett Music Club and their friends. The pupils taking part were Miss Margaret Mangrich, Miss Helen Oldaker, Mrs. Catherine Gardner, Messrs. M. T. Davis, Jr., and Bruce Burchard of Aurora.

The program: Quartette—"Now the Night in Starlit Splendor" Dressler Peterson, Mangrich, Oldaker, Davis The Trumpeter Dix Hard Trials (Negro Spiritual) Burleigh Somewhere Waters Bruce Burchard Duet—"Pure as an Angel" (From La Traviata) Verdi Mangrich-Davis Twilight Glen Blackbirds' Song Scott Dearest Name (Rigoletto) Verdi Mrs. Catherine Gardner Till I Awake Hope Toreador Holo Trotere Young Tom O'Devon Russell M. T. Davis, Jr. Duet—"Will You Remember?" Romberg Mangrich-Burchard Her Rose Coombs Summer Chaminade Margaret Mangrich At Dawning Cadman A Picture Curran The Answer Terry Rain Curran Voci di Primavera (In Italian) Strauss Helen Oldaker Quartette—"Fairest Daughter of the Graces" (From Rigoletto) Verdi Peterson, Mangrich, Oldaker, Davis

WHITE SHRINE ELECTS OFFICERS

Bethlehem Shrine of the White Shrine of Jerusalem held their regular meeting Thursday evening and held the annual election of officers. The following were elected: worthy high priests, Mrs. B. P. McCaslin; watchman of the Shepherds, Ross Shadel; noble prophetess, Mrs. W. R. Isbell; worthy scribe, Miss Bertha Jeffries; worthy treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Hoover; worthy chaplain, Mrs. J. J. King; worthy shepherdess, Mrs. Frank Ellis; worthy guide, Mrs. R. B. Kyler. The Shrine will hold a ceremonial in the new temple December 28th.

CIRCLE 1 OF BAPTIST CHURCH MEETS WITH MRS. SHREVE

Mrs. G. D. Shreve, No. 467 West Wishart street, was hostess to Circle No. 1 of the Missionary Society of the First Baptist church on Thursday afternoon. The time was taken up with tacking two comforts which they have already sold. Those present were Mrs. J. Fulton Smith, Mrs. J. L. Hoover, Mrs. H. R. Carlson, Mrs. F. A. Logan and Mrs. Shreve.

SURPRISE PARTY FOR MRS. CLAIR FOWLER

The Don't Worry Class of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school gave a surprise party for Mrs. Clair Fowler of East Bond street, Wednesday evening in honor of her birthday anniversary. Even Mr. Fowler was surprised. He was "let in" on the secret, but thought that the date for the party was Thursday evening. When the crowd gathered at their home it was a very much surprised couple that they found.

The evening was passed with music and games and at a late hour delicious refreshments were served.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Harrod, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Folger, Mrs. B. P. McCaslin, Misses Lilah Williams, Ursula Williams, Fern Loutzenhiser, H. S. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Fowler.

GREAT BANDIT MAKE-UP

Clarence Burton, who plays the Mexican bandit in Gloria Swanson's latest Paramount picture, "Her Husband's Trademark," showing at the Rialto theatre next Tuesday and Wednesday, has a make-up similar to that used by Holbrook Blinn in "The Bad Man". The character which Mr. Burton plays is quite like that which Mr. Blinn so remarkably portrays in Porter Emerson Browne's satire, but he is a greater rascal throughout. Richard Wayne is leading man. A Larry Semon Comedy "The Agent" will also be shown.

J. E. Sater and D. B. Meador, attorneys, announce that they will not move to their new quarters in the Monett State Bank Building until the first of the year. They are now located over Tutt & Osborn's.

and 140 other meetings with a total attendance of 8463.

These are just a few of the many results secured. The greatest results will become apparent in the future years. A large amount of time was necessarily spent on miscellaneous work which cannot be listed in such a short report.

L. L. Hunt, County Extension Agent

"WHAT ARE YOU GETTING FOR YOUR TAXES?"

By Burt Johnson
There has been a great deal of discussion the last two years by both the Democrats and Republicans, about what the people are getting for their taxes. The Democrats point to the great increase of taxes during the Republican administration, while the Republicans emphatically deny that there has been no increase in the amount of money expended in Missouri for the state government. However, it is evident to everybody that there has been quite a decided increase in taxes during the last two years, and many people do not know just where it has gone. On the other hand the reports of the expenditures of the State's money during the last two years show that the expenditures for state administration have been reduced. Where then does our money go?

We are not concerned in defending the Republicans nor supporting the Democrats in their argument on taxes. It seems inconsistent to say that the taxes are increasing and the expenditures are decreasing. Nevertheless it is true that both parties are right.

The people of Missouri are making very decided improvements in the state and it is only through the expenditure of money that this can be done. Every voter and tax payer will remember that two years ago, Missouri voted an enormous amount of money for the improvement of roads. On top of the \$60,000,000 voted for roads, there was also voted \$15,000,000 to pay the soldiers bonus and two cents on every hundred dollars for the pension of the deserving blind. These three things no doubt are good measures and we are to be congratulated that the people of Missouri were willing to vote the taxes to do this.

But there is still another result which will be far more beneficial and the consequences of which will do more good, and will be far more widely spread than will the preceding three. I mean by that particularly the additional amount of money spent for the public education. Never before has Missouri spent as much money on public education as she did the last year. If we are to decrease our taxes, and if we consider these other three measures to be meritorious we must not consider for a moment that it would be advisable to do it at the expense of schools. According to the government reports, every day spent in High school it worth \$9.02 to the student, and every day in college is worth a little over \$15.00, according to very conservative estimates.

Last year the people of the United States spent a little over one billion dollars for public education, over six hundred million for cigarettes alone, and over one billion for tobacco in other forms. The American women spent over seven hundred million last year for face powders, rouge, and cosmetics of various kinds. Altogether the luxuries spent by the American people totals more than twenty-two billion dollars or practically enough to wipe out America's entire war debt.

This, in a very brief way is a comparison of the cost of our education as compared with the luxuries, and yet we very frequently hear people speak of the enormous amount of money required to run our schools. If our men can afford to use twice as much tobacco as is required to run the American schools, and our women can afford to use three-fourths as much money in decorating their faces as we do in developing the minds of everybody, we certainly can afford to spend the amount of money we are now, and even three times as much before we would spend more than is used annually for these two unnecessary things. It will be a good many years at our present rate of increase in the amount spent for education before we will need to feel that we are spending too much in that way. According to the government reports on the value of an education, the High school is Monett alone is an asset to the community, worth practically \$2,500 per day in developing the minds of its students, with their indirect effect on the community.

Misses Ruth and Ethel Wilhelm went to Springfield Saturday to spend the day.

Mrs. F. L. Higgins and Miss Ruth Gimbel were Christmas shopping in Springfield Saturday.

Dr. A. Jones reports the birth of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Grass on Saturday morning, December 16.

Mrs. Jack Reed of St. Louis, who visited for two weeks with her sister Mrs. Otto Schwandt, left Thursday night for her home.

The Commercial Club of Cassville and other citizens are behind a movement to gravel Main street. The state highway runs through this street and the contract calls for a width of twelve feet of gravel. The Cassville people propose to gravel the entire width of the street.

GRAPE INDUSTRY

Last week I attended meetings held by the Frisco Railroad and State Experiment Station. Our first meeting was held at Miller. Before noon, Cashier of Bank called merchants together for 30 minutes, and "sold" them on grapes, as a result we had a successful meeting. Our next meeting was at Mt. Vernon, we were guests of "Ad" club at luncheon and here we found merchants and farmers about 50-50. Marionville started last year and were enthusiastic. At Aurora, the same condition exists, and Community Club started movement last year and are still backing same. At our neighboring town, Peirce City, we find Community Club solidly behind not only this Grape industry, but also working on Apples, Strawberries and Jersey Cattle. In conversation with merchants at Peirce City, they advised me they had been holding meetings at school houses with the farmers and trying to help them work out their problems. They go out in numbers. At Seneca, we found the Cashier of Bank at the head of grape organization work.

We want our business men of all classes to consider this matter. How much time have you devoted to the promotion of this industry, either singly or in groups? How many farmers have you talked to?

The Joplin Chamber of Commerce have a man whom they advertise as a "Grape Specialist," who draws salary, and expense from them to promote grape growing in Southwest Missouri. The Carthage Chamber of Commerce had luncheon Monday, and members not farmers, subscribed over 100 acres to Grapes. They are canvassing the farmers. Will we stand idly by while our Sister towns progress, and in two or three years wonder why they get everything, and we get nothing.

Every citizen of Monett interested in the future development of this Community should plant grapes if they have land, and if they own no land should induce people who do, to plant grapes. There is a reason. Don't wait for "George" to do it. He can't. "Mere collections of men and women without common interests, aims and aspirations are not communities." They are just stopping places and boarding houses.

John P. Davis.

COMPLIMENTARY TO MRS. W. E. SOLOMON

Mrs. J. P. Martin, No. 900 Central avenue, entertained with a Five Hundred party at her home Thursday complimentary to her sister Mrs. W. E. Solomon who departed that evening for Oklahoma City.

FRANK KING BUYS CONFECTIONERY

The Bowen confectionery was sold by the receiver, Judge G. W. Finn, at receiver's sale Wednesday, December 13. Mr. King took immediate possession and is conducting the business.

EMPLOYEES OF OVERALL FACTORY TREATED WITH APPLES

The manager and employees of the Monett Overall Manufacturing Company were treated to some very fine apples this afternoon, the gift of Mr. E. F. Saxe. They were the finest ever, and both the manager and employees wish to thank Mr. Saxe for his generous and very much appreciated gift.

ORDER OF DEMOLAY WILL GIVE HOLIDAY DANCE

Invitations will be sent out this week to a dance given by Monett Chapter Order of DeMolay at Markwell Hall, December 23, at 9:00 p. m. Music will be furnished by DeMolay Harmony Eight.

LAZY LARRY SAYS

Christmas cigars I got from Jim, The self-made brand I sent to him. Now, wouldn't it save both worry and time, If he kept his and I kept mine?

Misses Bernetta and Dorothy Devine are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Fred D. Wrightman, and Mrs. J. L. Basham, at St. Louis.

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